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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

Commissioner
 US Department of Commerce
 United States Patent and Trademark
 Office, PCT
 2011 South Clark Place Room
 CP2/5C24
 Arlington, VA 22202
 ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

in its capacity as elected Office

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| Date of mailing (day/month/year) 15 January 2001 (15.01.01) | To: Commissioner US Department of Commerce United States Patent and Trademark Office, PCT 2011 South Clark Place Room CP2/5C24 Arlington, VA 22202 ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE in its capacity as elected Office |
| International application No. PCT/CN99/00061 | Applicant's or agent's file reference 991260 1PC |
| International filing date (day/month/year) 26 April 1999 (26.04.99) | Priority date (day/month/year) |
| Applicant SHER, Tak, Chi | |

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on: ,

22 November 2000 (22.11.00)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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| The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35 | Authorized officer Jean-Marc Vivet Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38 |
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The demand must be filed directly with the International Preliminary Examining Authority or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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| Identification of IPEA | | Date of receipt of DEMAND |
| Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION | | Applicant's or agent's file reference 991260 1PC |
| International application No. PCT/CN99/00061 | International filing date (day/month/year) 26 April 1999 (26.04.99) | (Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) |
| Title of invention IMPROVED HAMMER FOR A PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME | | |
| Box No. II APPLICANT(S) | | |
| Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) Polycity Enterprise Limited Flat D, 19th Floor, Wah Ha Industrial Building, 8 Shipyard Lane, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong, China | | Telephone No.: Facsimile No.: Teleprinter No.: |
| State (that is, country) of nationality: CN | State (that is, country) of residence: CN | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet. | | |

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representativeand has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination. is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked. is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)

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 Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

the international application as originally filed
 the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). (This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

which is the language in which the international application was filed.
 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
 which is the language of publication of the international application.
 which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States (that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes not to elect:

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 1. translation of international application | : | sheets |
| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | sheets |
| 6. other (specify) | : | sheets |

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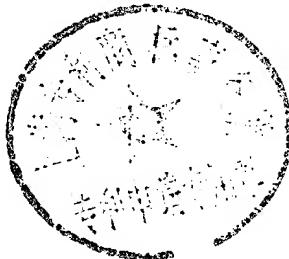
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify): |

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).



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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3. The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.

The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4. The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5. Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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Demand received from IPEA on:

PARENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference 991260IPC | FOR FURTHER ACTION | See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416) |
| International application No. PCT/CN 99/00061 | International filing date (day/month/year) 26. Apr 1999 (26.04.99) | Priority Date (day/month/year) |
| International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H01L 41/04 | | |
| Applicant Polycity Enterprise Limited et al | | |

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXEX, i. e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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| Date of submission of the demand 22. Nov. 2000 (22.11.00) | Date of completion of this report 29. December. 2000 (29.12.00) |
| Name and mailing address of the IPEA/CN 6 Xitucheng Rd. Jimen Bridge, Haidian District, 100088 Beijing, China | Authorized officer ZHANG YONG LIN  |
| Facsimile No. 86-10-62019451 | Telephone No. 62093722 |

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/CN 99/00061

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application: *

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages _____, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages _____, filed with the letter of

the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of

the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of

2. with regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of a publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 4 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/CN 99/00061

V. Reasoned statement under article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1 - 8 | YES NO |
| | Claims | | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1 - 8 | YES NO |
| | Claims | | |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1 - 8 | YES NO |
| | Claims | | |

2. Citations and explanations

concerning novelty: the claim 1 provides a new technical solution which is different from the solution provided by any document cited in the search report; therefore the subject matter of claim 1 is novel and meets the requirement of PCT Art. 33(2) concerning industry applicability the technical solution of the claim 1 provides the tool deposit arrangement for depositing various hand tools and is convenient for use. Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1, meets the requirement of PCT Art33(4). concerning inventive step: none of the documents cited in the search report shows any feature(s) of the characterizing portion of the claim 1, and would suggest alone or combination the technical solution of the claim 1. Therefore the claim 1 is considered to be involved an inventive step, and meet the requirement of PCT Art 33(3).

The dependent claims 2 - 6 are considered to meet the criteria set in PCT Art33(2)(3)(4).

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From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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To:

SHANGHAI PATENT & TRADEMARK
LAW OFFICE
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**NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

(PCT Rule 71.1)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year)

18 JAN 2001 (18.01.01)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference 991260 IPC | IMPORTANT INFORMATION | |
| International application No. PCT/CN 99/00061 | International filing date (day/month/year) 26. April 1999 (26.04.99) | Priority date (day/month/year) |
| Applicant Polycity Enterprise Limited et al | | |

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/310).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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pages _____, filed with the demand,
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Nos. _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____

the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,
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sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/CN 99/00061

V. Reasoned statement under article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-8 YES
Claims NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-8 YES
Claims NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-8 YES
Claims NO

2. Citations and explanations

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

09/830116

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) 991260 1PCWO

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

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Box No. II APPLICANT

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Telephone No.

Faximile No.

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State (that is, country) of nationality:

CN

State (that is, country) of residence:

CN

This person is applicant for the purposes of: all designated States all designated States except the United States of America the United States of America only the States indicated in the Supplemental Box

Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

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Hong Kong, China

This person is:

applicant only

applicant and inventor

inventor only (If this check-box is marked do not fill in below)

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State (that is, country) of residence:

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This person is applicant for the purposes of: all designated States all designated States except the United States of America the United States of America only the States indicated in the Supplemental Box

Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet

Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

agent

common representative

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Box No. V DESIGNATION OF STATES

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) (mark the applicable check-boxes: at least one must be marked):

Regional Patent

AP ARIPO Patent: GH Ghana, GM Gambia, KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, SD Sudan, SZ Swaziland, UG Uganda, ZW Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT

EA Eurasian Patent: AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BY Belarus, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, MD Republic of Moldova, RU Russian Federation, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT

EP European Patent: AT Austria, BE Belgium, CH and LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein, CY Cyprus, DE Germany, DK Denmark, ES Spain, FI Finland, FR France, GB United Kingdom, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands, PT Portugal, SE Sweden, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT

OA OAPI Patent: BF Burkina Faso, BJ Benin, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, GA Gabon, GN Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, ML Mali, MR Mauritania, NE Niger, SN Senegal, TD Chad, TG Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired specify on dotted line)

National Patent (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AT Austria | <input type="checkbox"/> LU Luxembourg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AU Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> LV Latvia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AZ Azerbaijan | <input type="checkbox"/> MD Republic of Moldova |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> BB Barbados | <input type="checkbox"/> MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BG Bulgaria | <input type="checkbox"/> MN Mongolia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BR Brazil | <input type="checkbox"/> MW Malawi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BY Belarus | <input type="checkbox"/> MX Mexico |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CA Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> NO Norway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CH and LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein | <input type="checkbox"/> NZ New Zealand |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CN China | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PL Poland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CU Cuba | <input type="checkbox"/> PT Portugal |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EE Estonia | <input type="checkbox"/> SE Sweden |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ES Spain | <input type="checkbox"/> SG Singapore |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FI Finland | <input type="checkbox"/> SI Slovenia |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> GM Gambia | <input type="checkbox"/> TR Turkey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HR Croatia | <input type="checkbox"/> TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HU Hungary | <input type="checkbox"/> UA Ukraine |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> IN India | <input type="checkbox"/> UZ Uzbekistan |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JP Japan | <input type="checkbox"/> YU Yugoslavia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KE Kenya | <input type="checkbox"/> ZW Zimbabwe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KG Kyrgyzstan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KR Republic of Korea | |
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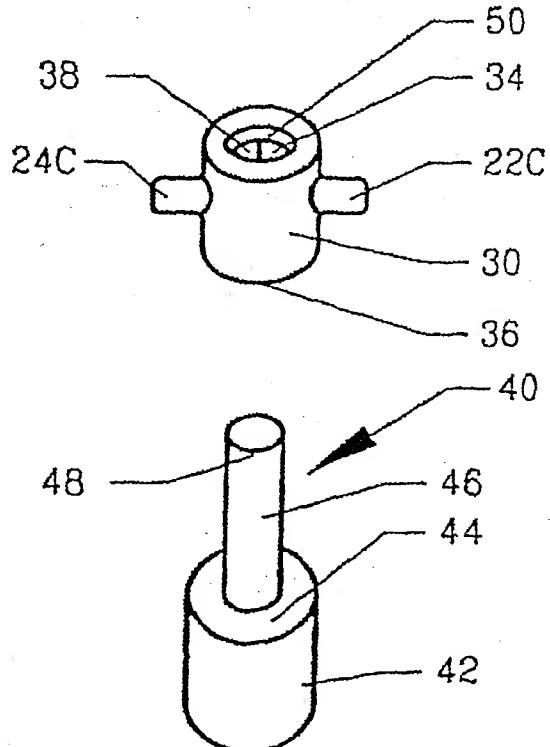
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IMPROVED HAMMER FOR A PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a unique hammer used in piezoelectric actuators. Specifically the present invention provides a hammer body with integral outwardly extending hammer arms and a method for producing the same.

Existing hammers as used in piezoelectric actuators are composed of two separate component parts--a hammer body and a hammer pin. To date there has not been a hammer in one unit, i.e., the hammer body and pin molded together, by die cast molding, nor has there been a hammer with a hole through the hammer body by die cast molding. The technical problems of molding such a small piece have not been overcome.

Presently, assembly of the hammer pin into the hammer body necessitates drilling a hole through the hammer body. The drilling of such a small hole through the hammer body which is also miniature in size is very difficult. For best performance of the hammer, the hammer pin must be fixed at the center point of the hammer body and in an absolutely balanced, horizontal and symmetric manner. This is very difficult to achieve for technical reasons during assembly of the hammer pin into the hammer body.

In the present invention, the hammer still consists of 2 parts. Yet, it is not necessary to drill a hole through the hammer body. Furthermore, the center point of the hammer body and the balance, horizontality and symmetricalness of the hammer arms is guaranteed in the

process of the present invention. The performance of the finished product using this newly invented hammer is therefore enhanced.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is a two-part hammer for a piezoelectric actuator wherein the horizontal hammer arms are integrally molded into the hammer ring member. A hammer body member having a vertically extending axle supports and retains the ring member by extending through a central opening in the ring.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 illustrates a cross-sectional view of a prior art hammer within a piezoelectric actuator.

Fig. 2A illustrates an exploded perspective view of a first prior art hammer.

Fig. 2B shows a side elevation view of the first prior art hammer of Fig. 2A.

Fig. 2C illustrates an exploded perspective view of a second prior art hammer.

Fig. 2D shows a side elevation view of the second prior art hammer of Fig. 2C.

Fig. 3A illustrates an exploded perspective view of the hammer of the present invention.

Fig. 3B shows a side elevation view of the hammer of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 1 illustrates in a cross-sectional view of a prior art hammer 11A within a piezoelectric actuator. The operation of such devices is well known in the art. The actuator operates by the collision of the hammer 11A with other parts of the actuator to generate an

electric charge. Any deviation in the balanced, symmetrical construction of the hammer 11A will affect the stability of the emission of the electric charge from the actuator.

Figs. 2A-2D also illustrate prior art hammers. Fig. 2A is an exploded view of the two-part hammer 11. It has a hammer body member 12 and a hammer pin 14. A hole 16 must be drilled through the body 12 to accept the pin 14. The drilling is done after the body has been molded. Pin end 18 is pressed into the hole 16 and must be exactly in the center of the body 12 to be absolutely balanced and horizontal with the extended arms 22 and 24 perfectly symmetrical.

Another prior art hammer 11A is shown in Figs. 2C and 2D. Again, pin 14A must be pressed into drilled hole 16A with the arms 22A and 24 perfectly symmetrical, balanced, and horizontal within the body 12A.

The present invention is shown in Figs. 3A and 3B. Hammer 11C has a guaranteed center point with perfect balance, horizontal arms, and symmetric arms because the arms 22C and 24C are formed by unitary molding. The arms are formed in the molding process and are, therefore, integral to the ring body 30. The hammer arms are not formed by a pin passing through a delicately drilled hole as is known in the prior art. Hammer ring body 30, made of metallic or non-metallic materials, such as plastic, is a generally cylindrical tube with a vertically extending, central opening 34 with perpendicularly extending arms 22C and 24C. By forming the arms in the mold improved symmetry and balance of the hammer is achieved.

The hammer 11C is assembled by placing ring 30 over hammer body member 40, which is made of metal. Hammer body member 40 has a cylindrical base portion 42 with

a shoulder 44. Extending upwardly from the center of the base portion 42 is an elongated cylindrical axle member 46. When assembled, the underside 36 of the ring 30 is pressed against the shoulder 44 of the body member 40.

The outer surface 48 of the elongated axle 46 may be fixed or fitted tightly against the inner surface 38 of the ring 30 by various means. Depending upon the composition of the ring 30, there may be a certain degree of elasticity of ring 30, the diameter of the inner hole 34, thus, may be slightly less than the diameter of the elongated axle 46 (the axle having a diameter the same as or slightly greater than the hole). Alternatively, the inner surface 38 may be provided with protruding vertical strips 50 which when the ring 30 is wholly squeezed onto the elongated axle 46 will fit tightly against the inner surface 38 and the strips 50 to hold the ring 30 on the body member 40. Thus, an improved hammer is produced.

Although the invention has been described with reference to a specific embodiment, this description is not meant to be construed in a limiting sense. On the contrary, various modifications of the disclosed embodiments will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon reference to the description of the invention. It is therefore contemplated that the appended claims will cover such modifications, alternatives, and equivalents that fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

CLAIMS:

1. A hammer for a piezoelectric actuator comprising:
 - a hammer ring member having two perpendicularly extending integral arms and a central opening; and
 - a hammer body having a base portion and an upwardly extending axle member, said axle member extending through said central opening of said hammer ring, said hammer ring member seated on said base portion of said hammer body.
2. The hammer of claim 1 wherein said axle member is generally cylindrical having a diameter slightly less than said central opening to ensure a tight fit between said axle member and said central opening.
3. The hammer of claim 1 wherein said central opening has protruding vertical strips for urging against an outer surface of said axle member to ensure a tight fit between said axle member and said central opening.
4. The hammer of claim 3 wherein said axle member is generally cylindrical.
5. The hammer of claim 1 wherein said ring member is made of molded plastic and said hammer body is made of metal.

6. The hammer of claim 5 wherein a diameter of said central opening of said hammer ring is same as or slightly less than a diameter of said axle member.
7. A method for producing a hammer for a piezoelectric actuator comprising the steps of:
 - molding a unitary hammer ring member having two perpendicularly extending integral arms and a central vertical opening;
 - molding a hammer body having a base portion and an upwardly extending axle member;
 - pressing said unitary ring onto said hammer body with said axle member extending through said central opening and said ring seated on said base portion.
8. The method of claim 6 wherein said hammer ring member is made of plastic material and said hammer body is made of metal materials.

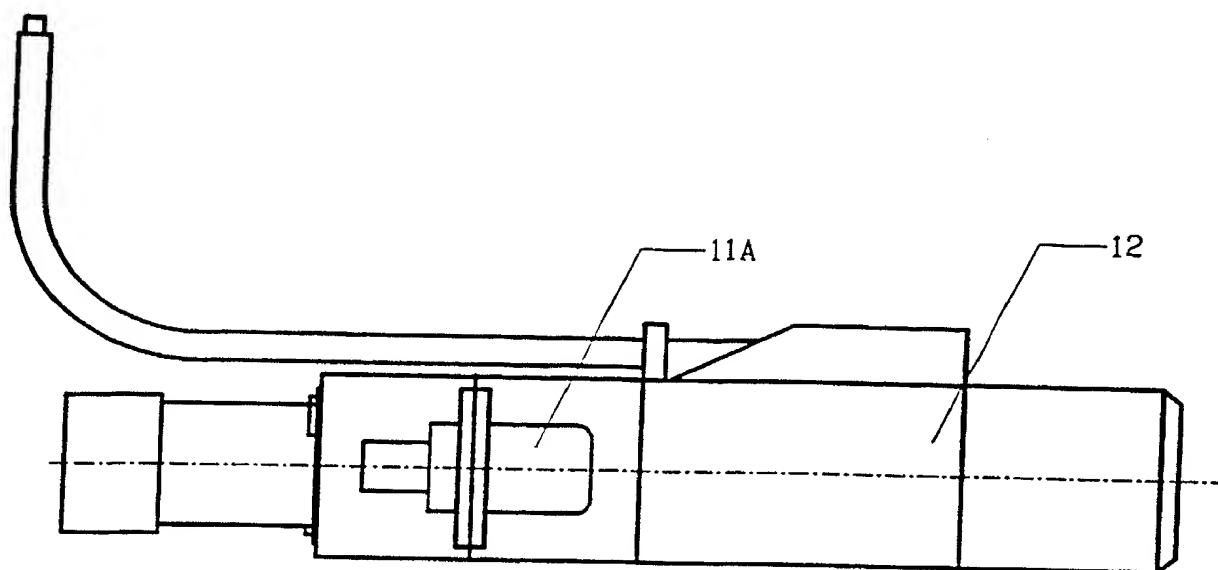


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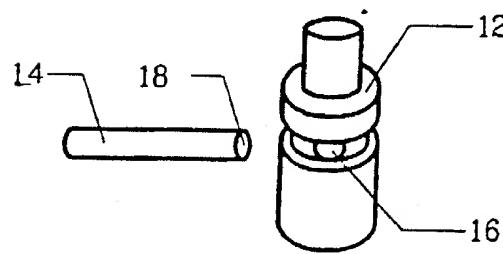


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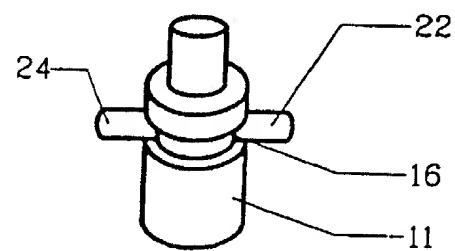


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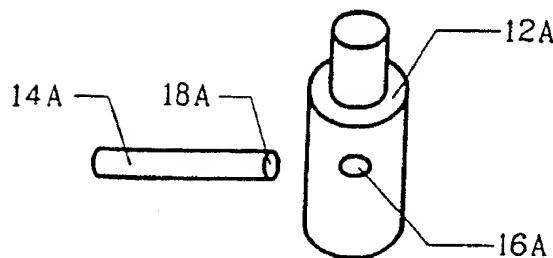


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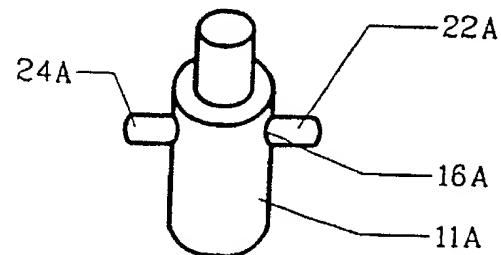
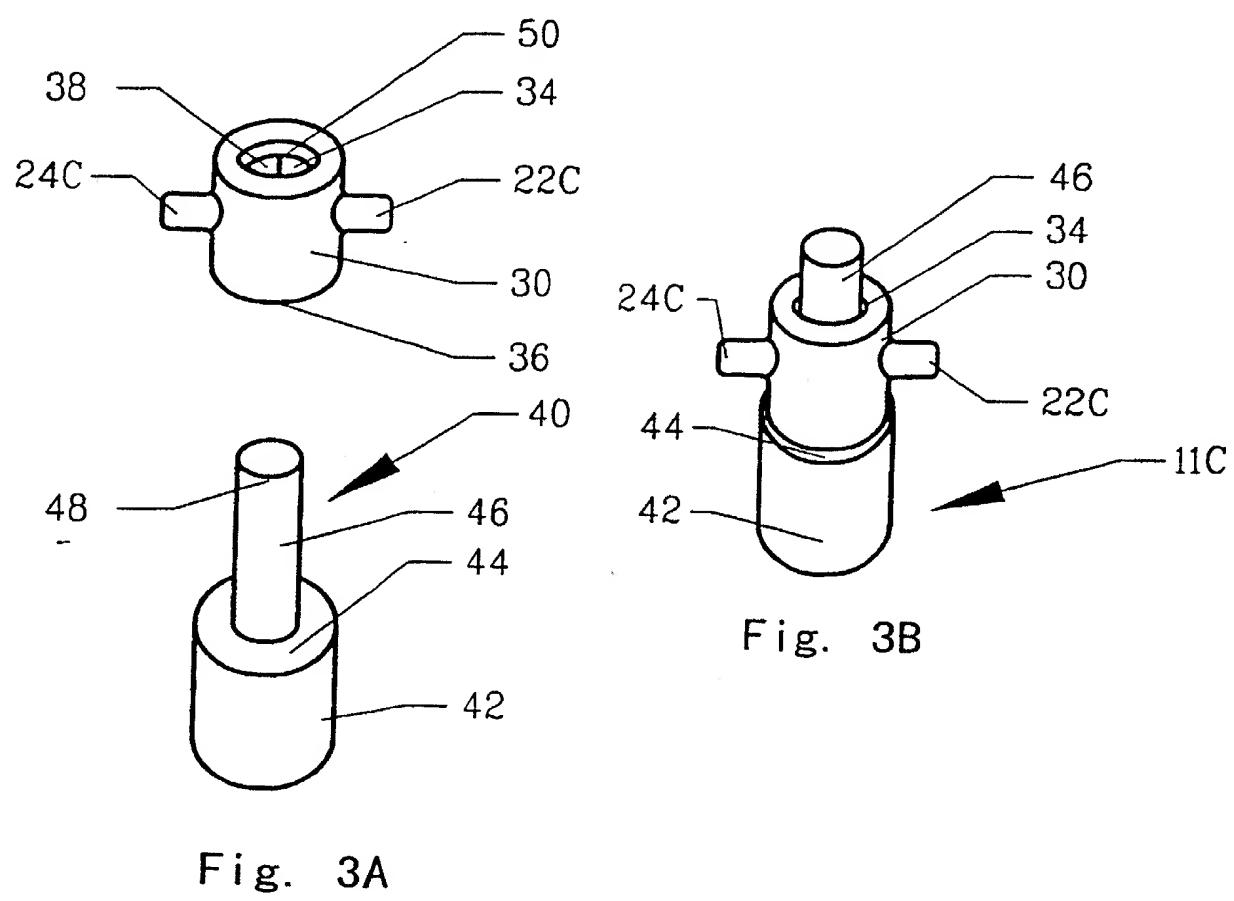


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